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Parents Are Welcomed

Charlie Brown will not be the only one with great expectations today. Among others will be AMA cadets, and parents spending the Halloween weekend here with their sons. To say the Great Pumpkin brings fun and surprises might be an understatement, especially for the cadet corps, since the first marking period ended only three days ago. Naturally parents will be eager to discuss the newly posted grades with faculty during the classroom visitations in the morning and afternoon. But as night approaches the seriousness of academics will be forgotten for awhile as the Stone Maze, and Phil Myers and the Academy Eight quicken everyone's "spirits" during the AMA "Halloween" formal.

Parents Weekend will conclude with Sunday afternoon dress parade during which parents will closely inspect individual and company performances, and witness commissioning ceremonies for cadet officers.



SANDY HENDERSON is commissioned as Cadet Lieutenant during Parents Weekend last year.

Thanksgiving Recess Slated

For the first time since the Academy's founding in 1865, AMA cadets will be permitted to spend Thanksgiving weekend at home with parents.

Announcement of this historic break with tradition reached the **Bayonet** Wednesday, immediately after the conclusion of the school's self-study and evaluation. In a joint statement issued exclusively to the **Bayonet**, Col. M. Harris Livick, Academy Superintendent, and Col. C. E. Savedge, Headmaster, revealed that at the end of the Fishburne game on Thursday, November 26, those cadets having made previous arrangements with parents would be released for the remainder of the holiday weekend. Cadets would be required to report back to the school no later than 7 PM Tuesday, December 1. Academic classes would resume the next day, a scant two weeks before the beginning of the regular Christmas recess.

According to Col. Livick, a principal reason for the unexpected schedule change was the corps' extremely fine performance during the four days of school evaluation. "The administration wished to recognize the important contribution made by the corps to the overall success of the evaluation," he said.

Col. Savedge added that though this action might seem a radical departure from past school practice, it could also be read as a precedent for an entirely new tradition of regular Thanksgiving holidays.

New Permit Policy Is Announced

Weekends mean visitors at AMA and, in particular, parents. However, after driving long miles and even longer hours, many parents arrive only to discover that weekends may also mean distant motels, Saturday athletics, SMI, dress parade and a host of other required cadet formations and activities. As a result, visiting time may shrink to the length of a hurried meal, Sunday church, and a short afternoon drive.

To ease this situation, Capt. Charles Dillow, AMA Commandant, has received the approval necessary for a new Saturday night permit. Beginning this evening, October 31, parents who visit infrequently because of distance can count on their sons receiving leave to stay with them overnight.

Capt. Dillow stresses that this new privilege will be granted only during weekends on **Saturday**, and only to cadets whose parents do **not** live near at hand.

Augusta Completes Evaluation

Schools too are tested not just cadets. This week AMA completed its once-a-decade "finals": the state-required, self-evaluation. Outwardly, little change in Academy routine marked the significance of the event. For most cadets it meant only an occasional classroom observer quietly taking notes while the process of instruction continued much as usual. For faculty and administration, however, October 25-28 signaled the climax of months of self-criticism, reappraisal, and hard work behind the scenes, with the school's academic rating and accreditation hanging in the balance.

The purpose of evaluation is self-improvement. Like individuals, schools tend to become engrossed in the detail of daily routine and to lose track of overall objectives. State law requires periodic school evaluations as an incentive to rethinking these

objectives and especially to evaluating how well they are being met. For the same reasons, regional school associations require them as a condition for accreditation.

Some schools approach evaluation with fear and trembling, preferring to hope for the best rather than to prepare for the worst. Eager to gain the greatest benefit possible from the experience, Augusta began its preparatory self-study program at the onset of the 1969-70 academic year. Since that time each faculty officer has been required to criticize his own performance as a teacher, each department to evaluate the overall impact of its program, and the school as a whole to gauge both its successes and failures and to make specific recommendations for improvement. The results were already noticeable this September: new courses (drivers education, speech) and new programs

(intramurals, Readak), new texts and new teaching methods.

Self-study, however, is only the first phase of evaluation. The second begins with the arrival of a committee of outside observers to check out the school's own preparatory work and to make criticisms of its own. The selection of this committee is made by the school to be evaluated with the approval of the State Board of Education.

Represented on Augusta's 16 member visiting committee were teachers and administrators from a wide range of Virginia private and public schools. Mr. Roddy Jones, Alumni Director at Randolph Macon College, served as chairman. The committee's reports on all aspects of life and study here at the Academy, will be forwarded to the Southern Regional Association of Schools and Colleges which will then decide on the further accreditation of the school.

Cadet Scholars To Visit D. C.

Mike Sisak and Cam Bell, representing Virginia's seventh congressional district, will attend the "Presidential Classroom" held annually in Washington, D. C., during the week of March 13-17. The purpose of this program is to familiarize students with the workings of government by providing them the opportunity to observe its day-to-day operations at first hand.

During their stay, the students

will tour the Capitol Building, sit in on a session of Congress, and visit the Supreme Court. Included in their schedule is a meeting with President Nixon.

Students were chosen to attend the "Classroom" on the basis of their past academic achievement in history and the social sciences. Approximately 100 students throughout the nation have been selected to attend.

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Don't complain—Now you have it!

Yes, even Benny decided to rid himself of his broom this year, as a result of the new haircut regulations. No longer will AMA cadets suffer through the winter with frostbitten heads.

Seriously though, Augusta's haircut regulations have shown an unbelievable amount of leniency this year. Cadets have been complaining about haircuts since the school was founded in 1865. And no matter the length permitted, they will still complain. But new cadets this year don't know what short hair is—compared to last year's hair lengths.

Recently the Roller Rifles traveled to Richmond to participate in the 22nd Annual Tobacco Festival Parade. After viewing other schools having ROTC, it was obvious that Augusta's cadets outclassed their opponents in every respect including grooming.

Since AMA is a military school why shouldn't its students dress the part? If we are going to be ROTC cadets why not be the best? Long hair is fine when worn in the right place at the right time, but this is not the right time and place.

On the other hand, we are not saying that short hair is the only policy to take in the matter, but we are saying that the happy medium the school has adopted this year is the fairest compromise possible for both administration and cadets. Let's not be greedy; for once let's be thankful.

15th and 19th Amendments Assure Vote; Why Not 26th?

Should eighteen year-olds be permitted to vote? This controversial question continues to vex many Americans, young and old alike. Some say that eighteen year-olds should be allowed to vote; others say they **definitely** should not.

The **Bayonet** believes that if a man of eighteen is old enough and mature enough to "visit" the tropical jungles of Viet Nam, he should be considered old enough and mature enough to vote for the politicians who sent him there.

Many speak in opposition to this position because of campus unrest, but it must be realized that only three percent of the nation's college students are engaged in radical student movements. These movements and the disorders they create are so over publicized by the news media that the country is led to believe that all college students are violent protesters. In fact, the other 97 percent are intelligent, rational young adults, who not only are a credit to their society, but also—if given a chance—would be responsible voters.

Spiritual Cadets Cry Wolf

As the congregation lifts its voice to beseech the Lord, the AMA cadet corps follows in accompaniment with its own half-hearted response. Week after week we stumble into the Lord's house with thoughts of hot pancakes, impending piles of homework, a regrettable SMI, or a "chick" back home. For six days we live in our own materialistic society thinking of how to repent for the loss of a quarter of a few minutes lazy sleep. Our spirits lie stagnant like a jelly molded. But now we file into the long stained pews and proceed with the weekly task of following the service and chanting whenever the minister's voice lapses. Oh how our spiritual lives brighten and glow as a brass buckle shines when wiped with a piece of dirty burlap.

Yet December will come and chance may unfortunately find one of these spiritual cadets in an auto accident or perhaps a coma. Then this lazy churchgoer's sincere prayers will muddle the atmosphere, and forgiveness will desperately be asked.

Let's remember the little boy who cried wolf.

Mike Sisak

Foul Play

Once upon a time, in a country not to be named, there lived an electorate. In those days an electorate was composed almost entirely of birds: doves and hawks, parrots and owls. And a very noisy lot they were too. For like the birds in our own day, these talkative creatures apparently spent most of their time hooting and cawing, hissing and screeching, and mainly at each other.

But they were also somewhat disabled, most having suffered one grievous amputation or another. No doubt these injuries were the result of the terrible squabbles so common to that barbaric age and now happily so rare in our own.

In point of fact, most hawks seemed to have right wings only, while the vast majority of doves seemed to have only left wings. The owls appeared to have no wings at all, since they rarely got off the ground. As for the parrots, who knew very little but talked a great deal, these poor creatures were always up in the air about something, but were seldom if ever able to get down again.

It should surprise no one that the "great" controversy forever convulsing the pea-brains of these feathered amputees was the "Dilemma of Direction." The hawks believed all birds should fly as they did. Because of their missing left wings, this meant flying always in endless counterclockwise circles. "Enough is enough!" they shrieked. "We need to return to the old values, the values that were once our strength. Be strong if you wish to survive; follow us." And some of the parrots did.

The doves, however, believed all birds should fly as they did. Because of their missing right wings, this meant flying always in endless clockwise circles. "Enough is **not** enough!" they cooed. "We need to get moving again. A new age demands new values. If you wish to survive move with the times; follow us." And some of the other parrots did.

But most of the parrots, and the owls as well, were too confused by the issue, and the endless cooing and shrieking about it, to do anything at all. They decided to wait and see, for these after all were democratic birds and every second year elected a parliament to calmly

decide such weighty matters.

Nevertheless, when it finally came to a vote, the noise had grown so deafening, the doves so vicious, the hawks so vehement, the parrots so befuddled, and the owls so disgusted, that not a single bird took the election seriously and most in fact stayed home, nursing their grudges in the peace and quiet of their own nests. Which of course decided nothing at all and only guaranteed another two years of raucous squabbling and mindless circling in the sky.

MORAL: The birds that make democracy work do not scream, no matter which way they fly.

Book Bazaar

Be the first on your stoop to own a copy of **Frankenstein!** or **Catcher In The Rye** or **Bees And Ants** or even **Robert's Rules Of Order**. You still can. The library sponsored student book fair will continue until 3:00 P.M. today.

Since Thursday, October 29, paperbacks of all kinds have been on display, both for browsing and purchase, in the Old House library. All reading areas of interest to cadets are represented including classics, biographies, adventure stories, and reference books. In most cases prices will not overtax cadet budgets.

According to Mrs. Joyce McDonald, Academy Librarian, profits will be used by the library to expand its book collection. She cordially invites all cadets, parents, and visitors to take a break from the busy schedule of Parents Weekend and visit the fair.

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Overtones

Suggestion Box in question. Is it Still There?

What ever happened to the suggestion box? It still exists apparently, but is it used? By the corps? By the administration? Feedback is supposed to make things run more smoothly. But occasionally cadet opinion seems to get short-circuited somewhere within the chain of command. When that happens, use of the suggestion box ought to be in order. But do suggestions get results? Should cadets take the time to make suggestions if they're unsure of the consequences?

Jim Hash

The suggestion box is indeed in operation. Sometimes "no news is good news." Little use of the suggestion box could mean that cadets are reasonably happy and satisfied or that the chain of command is working better than supposed.

However, I can think of many suggestions that have received consideration and brought results. I know of very few that have led to direct confrontation between suggestor and administration.

I encourage any cadet to express himself through the suggestion box. If his questions or suggestions are constructive, they will definitely receive the consideration they deserve.

Capt. Charles Dillow,
Commandant

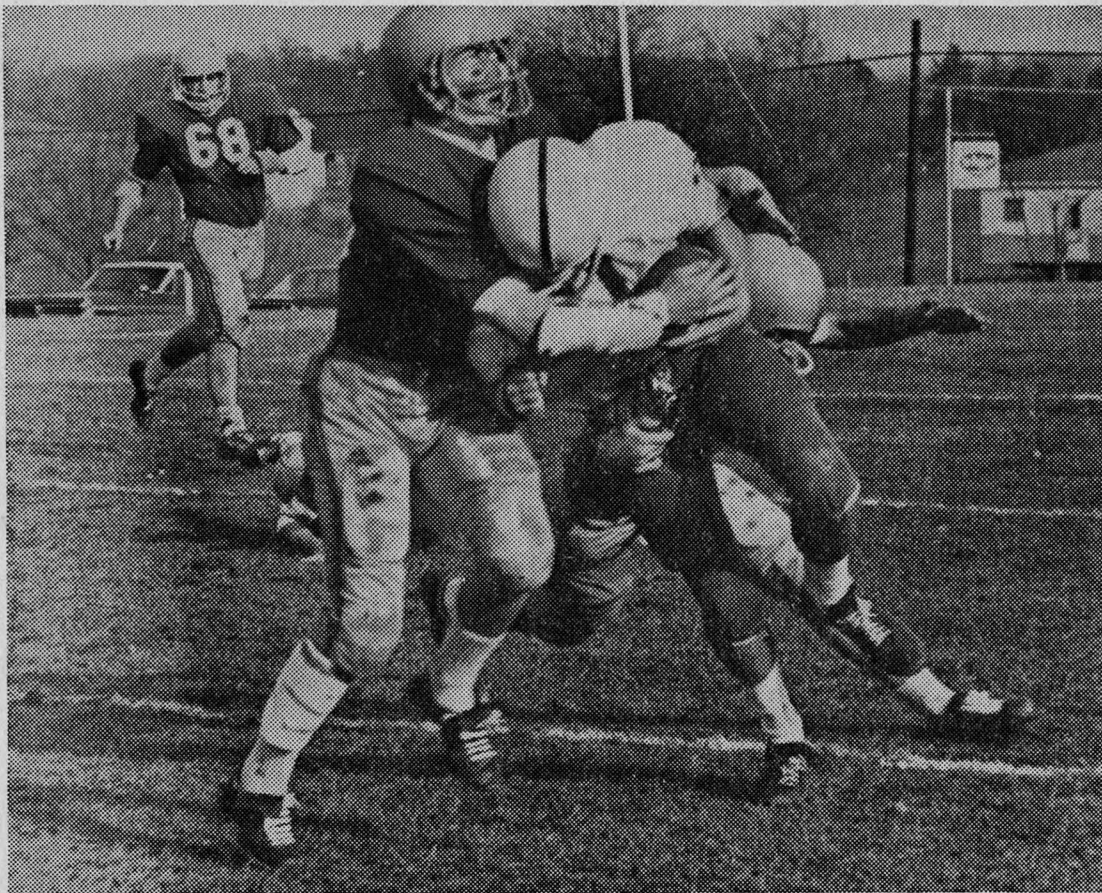
Study or Shine?

My problem is study hall. There are nights when I run out of homework and end up sitting at my desk **pretending** to study. One alternative is to while away the time chain-smoking. Another is to court a "stick" by goofing off with my roommate. Neither is very constructive. Can't something be done about this? Possibly permission could be given to cadets finishing homework early to shine shoes, polish brass, or clean their rooms? Constructive work of some sort might be allowed if the limitations of a strict C.Q. were observed.

Stuart Rosenzweig

Editor's Note:

1. Are you on the Honor Roll?
2. Study does not mean merely doing **homework**.
3. What are you doing about parallel work?
4. You should look up the word "study" in the dictionary.



S.M.A. Quashed

Streaks Level Hilltoppers

Victory is sweet, but victory over SMA is sweeter. Triumph came on October 8 when the Academy's football Blue Streaks resoundingly defeated the SMA gridiron squad 28-8.

Alfredo Zayas opened the game with a booming kick to the SMA five yard line. SMA ace, Bill Binger, received the ball and made tracks toward the looming AMA line. His progress was abruptly halted by the combined efforts of Sam Marshall and Mark "Boog" Jefferies. It was a portent of things to come.

Later in the first quarter the Blue Streaks's first score was set up when "Lucky" Legard intercepted an SMA pass and marched down to the Tiger's 37 yard line. Tom Peifer then went to the air and "hit" Dave Hodges on the 35. Hodges streaked for the touchdown. Then, for the extra

point, Peifer successfully passed to Marshal making the score 8-0 in Augusta's favor.

A series of indecisive exchanges between the two teams occupied most of the second quarter, and half time saw no change in score. However, as they moved into the third quarter, the Blue Streaks got back into gear and mounted an irreversible drive straight toward the Staunton goal-posts. This was climaxed by Peifer's 35 yard touchdown pass to Hodges and a successful point after attempt.

Then for awhile the tables turned and Staunton moved as far as the AMA five yard line where SMA quarterback Joe Ferguson passed to Binger for Staunton's first and final TD. Staunton was still in the game and their successful conversion

attempt not only proved it but also halved the Blue Streaks's victory margin 16-8.

During the fourth quarter Augusta rallied quickly and soon moved to the offensive again as Tom Barnes returned a blocked punt to the SMA 32 yard line. This set the field for Hodges's third touchdown of the afternoon. The conversion attempt led to disaster, however, as Peifer was swamped by the Staunton line and fell to the ground injured. This naturally incensed the Streaks who promptly proceeded to regain possession of the ball when Tom Kubala intercepted an SMA pass. Tom Cox then dashed to the end zone for yet another TD before Staunton even knew what was happening. Zayas converted just as the gun sounded, making the final score AMA 28 — SMA 8.

Father Judd Buried

Col. Paul V. Hoover's hard-fighting soccer team finally pulled through with their first victory this season, smashing Father Judd School 3-1. It was their first "win" after losing three games, forfeiting one, and tying another.

Until the defeat of Father Judd on October 19, the Academy Blue Streaks had found it difficult to keep up with the standards set last year by the Saenz brothers. Goals were few and far between, and organization was lacking. The season opener at Albemarle on September 30 saw the Blue Streaks routed 2-0. Only the great defensive play of fullbacks Herb Maher and Van Taylor kept the margin of defeat from being greater.

Playing Madison College on October 5, the Streaks showed much improvement but again lost 2-0. Because of a schedule mix-up, the Streaks had to forfeit the Eastern Mennonite game. A rematch was quickly arranged, and on October 14 the team squeezed into three cars, drove to Harrisonburg, only to lose 4-0. Strong and variable wind was a major factor in that game, and the Streaks played well though the score didn't show it.

October 16 found the Streaks riding sardine-fashion in Col. Hoover's purring blue "Chevy" and Lt. Franklin E. McClung's compact "Falcon" on their way to Lexington to play Washington and Lee. When they arrived they were disappointed to find that once again there was a strong wind. After falling behind 1-0 in the first half, they were won-

dering if it was going to play tricks on them once more. However, in the second period, Francisco Seco scored the first AMA goal of the season and the score was tied 1-1. Through the second half and two overtime periods the score remained 1-1. The Streaks had broken their string of defeats with a hard-fought stand-off.

Their first victory came three days later when they demolished the Father Judd Blue Nights. Karl Haleamau scored early in the first period and, for the first time all season, the Streaks were in the lead. However, Father Judd School rallied and tied it up 1-1. The Streaks had lost the lead, but Karl hadn't lost his touch and kicked the team back into supremacy, making the score 2-1. After the half Father Judd regained its composure and began playing passable soccer, but late in the third period, Francisco Seco scored his second goal of the season. The Streaks had built up an almost untouchable lead of two points.

From their initial defeats the Streaks have emerged a much stronger team. On the line, Francisco Seco and Karl Haleamau have drawn many ooh's and aah's from spectators and are now starting to hit the goal. Halfbacks Rick Maschak and Harry Baldwin have been instrumental in feeding the ball up to the line. Fullbacks Herb Maher and Van "Wonder-Foot" Taylor are responsible for the low scores by the opposition. Also, goalie Jim Baron has racked up many "saves" as well as a few bruises.



A.M.A. "footman" E. D. Viales attempts goal against Woodberry.

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"HALLELUJAH TALULAH" was the cry heard throughout barracks as Col. C. E. Savedge's faithful shadow proudly presented her first litter to the corps. "The Big Four," Jimmy-Joe, Tafey, Tina, and Blackie, have since been adopted by Lt. Jerry Kuehn, Mrs. M. Harris Livick, Maj. John Dekle, and Col. Savedge, respectively.

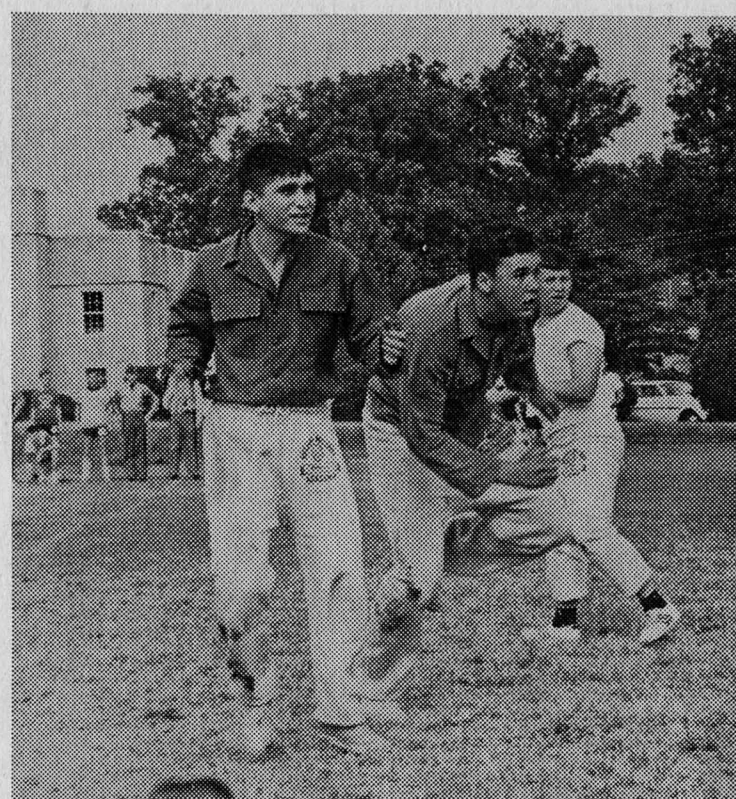
Intramurals Generate Company Competition

A welcome addition to AMA's athletic program this year is the new intramural sports competition. The intramurals were started by M/Sgt. Sivert Josephson with help from Maj. Merlyn Wright. They were begun so that the so-called "barracks bum" could get some physical activity without having to do regimented exercises, as was the case last year. The intramurals also give each company a chance to pick up points counting toward the Best Company Award given at year's end.

The two intramural sports now in full swing are football and soccer. Every company supplies a team and a company not scheduled to play on a certain day supplies the referees. Double elimination competition is the program's format.

Reports on the two most recent intramural games follow.

"Bravo" Company, with a balanced running and passing attack, beat "Alpha" Company 14-0 in an intramural football contest played on October 17. George Dunaway with two touchdown runs and Dean Lohman, with some key passes, were the "Bravo" mainstays. In



"BRAVO" company griders charge "Alpha" Offense.

the second quarter Dunaway swept around the left end and gained eight yards for his first touchdown. Then late in the game he went 31 yards on another end sweep for his second, and the team's last TD.

"Charlie" Company, with revenge in its eyes, shutout Band Company 2-0 in an intramural

soccer match also played on Oct. 17. "C" Company had both a balanced offensive line and good defensive halfbacks and fullbacks. They scored in the second quarter on a goal by Pedro Hernandez and again in the third quarter on a goal by German Saenz. Goalie Al Moorfield was credited with the shutout.

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Seccion De Espanol

La AMA les da la bienvenida a todos los estudiantes Latino Americanos que han inmigrado la escuela este ano. Este ano la escuela cuenta con un total de 20 estudiantes Latinos de diferentes partes de Central y Sur America. Buenos mis queridos lectores todos nos divertimos mucho durante las vacaciones y ahora que estamos de regreso es buena oportunidad para inmigrar en el Club De Los Frustrados, integrado por los siguientes Latinos: Presidente, F. Seco (El Terror de las Ticas); Vice Presidente, R. Rodriguez (El Amor de las Panamenas); Secretario, E. Viales (Caperusito Rojo); Asistente, P. Seda (Mildred); Miembros, D. Pennock (El Playboy de Puerto Rico), M. Ayau (La Mama de Tarzan) y los limpiabotas del grupo, A. Zayas y A. Mena.

La AMA tendra unos bailes agogos con chicas sicolodicas muy pronto y espera la coperaion de todos ustedes la cual estoy seguro que la tendra. Bueno mis queridos lectores espero estar con ustedes en nuestra proxima edicion donde discutiremos las diferentes actividades de la AMA. Se despide de ustedes muy atentamente su servidor:

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Creative Art Introduced In Lower School

Appreciation for art has unfortunately been lacking in the lives of many AMA cadets. To remedy this situation, a new course for Lower School students was established this year. Mrs. M. Harris Livick now teaches a creative arts class each Tuesday morning for fifth and sixth graders in hopes of developing their artistic skill and understanding.

During fourth period, while the rest of the Corps battles reading, writing, and 'rithmetic, Lower School is where the artistic action is; with landscapes being superimposed on paper, pastel portraits of Big Barracks in production, or pumpkins being carved. Pumpkin sculpture was an imaginative idea to supply a ready market for the classes' masterpieces. October's Lower School Halloween party found these jack-o-lanterns adorning White Hall along with an abundance of orange and black portraits of goblins and ghosts.

If the enthusiasm of the juniors is any indication, the course will prove a successful new addition to Lower School curriculum.

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